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In re Application of :  
Keefer et al. :  
Application No. 09/591277 : ON PETITION  
Filing or 371(c) Date: 06/09/2000 :  
Attorney Docket Number: 145402 :

This is a decision on the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed August 17, 2006.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

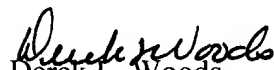
**Background**

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-final office action, mailed December 14, 2005. The Office action set a three (3) period for reply. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were available. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on March 15, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 28, 2006.

Applicant files the instant petition and Amendment in response to the Office action. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1754 for processing of the Amendment filed with the petition in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

  
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